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Important Message to Parents with
Children Entering Kindergarten***

**Immunization Requirements for
All Children Entering Kindergarten**

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering kindergarten are required to have the following immunizations:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Five (5) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

All children entering kindergarten are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunization record with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

Remember!!! Ask your doctor about your child's LEAD SCREENING TEST too! Every child under 6 years of age should be tested annually for lead poisoning. Evidence of lead testing is also a requirement for entry into kindergarten.